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FOURTH BICENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM TOPIC AND SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The shot heard round the world will reverberate in May when the Library of Congress holds the fourth of its American Revolution Bicentennial Symposia. On May 8 and 9, seven distinguished historians will discuss "The Impact of the American Revolution Abroad" under the chairmanship of Richard B. Morris, Gouverneur Morris Professor of History Emeritus of Columbia University, a member of the Library's Advisory Committee on American Revolution Bicentennial Programs.

Robert R. Palmer, Professor of History at Yale University, will give the keynote address on the symposium theme on Thursday morning, May 8. That afternoon two papers will be heard. Claude Fohlen of the Centre de Recherches d'Histoire Nord-Américaine, University de Paris (Paris-Sorbonne), will speak on "The Impact of the American Revolution in France." J. W. Schulte Nordholt of the State University of Leiden, winner of the Atlantic Prize in 1958, will examine the influence of the American Revolution on the United Provinces, as The Netherlands was then called.

On Friday morning, J. H. Plumb of Cambridge University will speak on "The Impact of the American Revolution on Great Britain." Professor Plumb will be participating for a second time in the symposium series, having served as a commentator on "The Development of a Revolutionary Mentality" in 1972. Professor Plumb will be followed by N. N. Bolkhovitinov of the Institute of General History, Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., whose paper will deal with "The Impact of the American Revolution on the Russian Empire." Dr. Bolkhovitinov is the author of two books on American history, one of which, published in 1966, explores Russian-American foreign relations from 1775 to 1815.

At the final session on Friday afternoon, Mario Rodriguez, Professor of Latin American History at the University of Southern California, will discuss the Revolution's impact upon the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking world, and Owen Dudley

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CARD DIVISION NAME TO CHANGE
Cataloging Distribution Service Division To Be New Title Effective February 1

The name of the Card Division is being changed to Cataloging Distribution Service Division in order to reflect more accurately the division's present role as distributor of Library of Congress cataloging in a variety of physical forms–MARC tapes, microforms, printed catalog cards, proofsheets, book catalogs, and technical publications. The Cataloging Distribution Service Division will be, as the Card Division has been, the channel through which the sum total of the cataloging generated, collected, and assembled at the Library is made available to networks, technical

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processing centers, commercial processing firms, libraries, research institutes, and individual users in this country and abroad.

As the use of Library of Congress cataloging throughout the country has continued to grow, demand for the cataloging data has emphasized the need for primary, bulk distribution rather than secondary distribution in the form of individual card orders. In response to this need, the cataloging distribution service will emphasize the initial distribution of the cataloging data base to regional centers and other national network nodes for better library and information service.

The trend to such distribution has been underway for several years, so much so that in fiscal year 1974 the sale of catalog cards comprised, in dollar terms, only about 38.9 percent of total sales. The sale of MARC tapes, book catalogs, technical publications, and proofsheets, on the other hand, made up the balance of 61.1 percent.

The change in the name of the Card Division does not imply that the direct sale of catalog cards to libraries will be neglected. The Library will continue to sell individual catalog card sets to any one or any organization wishing to buy them, and manpower and funding for this service will be kept as high as the volume of individual card orders will support. The new name of the division will reflect its total responsibility for distributing the cataloging of the Library, regardless of its physical format.

FOURTH BICENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM

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Edwards will speak about its impact upon Ireland. Dr. Edwards, Professor of History at the University of Edinburgh since 1968, is also a correspondent for the *Irish Times* and consultant in history to Radio Telefis Eireann.

Persons wishing to attend this two-day program should write for registration information to the Library of Congress, American Revolution Bicentennial Office, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Part of the program of Bicentennial projects of the Library of Congress, the symposium series is under the general supervision of Elizabeth Hamer Kegan, Assistant Librarian of Congress, and is planned with the advice of the Library's Advisory Committee on American Revolution Bicentennial Programs. The symposium series is made possible by a grant from the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation of Washington, D.C., which also supports the publication of the symposia proceedings. Already published are *The Development of a Revolutionary Mentality*, *Fundamental Testaments of the American Revolution*, and *Leadership in the American Revolution*, available for $3.50, $3.50 and $4.50 respectively from the Library of Congress, Information Office, Washington, D.C. 20540.

KRAUS COLLECTION NOW AVAILABLE ON MICROFILM

The Hans P. Kraus collection of 162 manuscript items relating to the history and culture of Spanish America in the colonial period, 1492-1819 [see the LC *Information Bulletin*, January 22, 1970, pp. 29-31], has been made fully available in microfilm form and may be used by qualified researchers in the Manuscript Reading Room. The original manuscripts will be available only for special research needs. Scholars may order positive microfilm copies of the

Kraus collection from the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Washington, D.C. 20540. The positive microfilm may also be borrowed on interlibrary loan from the Chief, Loan Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The collection of Spanish-American manuscripts was donated to the Library in 1969 by Hans P. Kraus of New York City, the well-known collector and bibliophile, and head of the firm H. P. Kraus, dealers in rare books and manuscripts. The collection includes letters and documents relating to the explorers Amerigo Vespucci, Giovanni de Verrazzano, and Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca. Included in the collection are contemporary colonial writings that document the government of New Spain (Mexico), the workings of the Inquisition, taxation and economic conditions in the colonies, Spanish relationships with the Indians and the French, and the loss of parts of the Spanish empire to American encroachment.

CHINESE COOPERATIVE CATALOG NOW IN PRODUCTION

Production of the new *Chinese Cooperative Catalog* is now underway in the Special Catalogs Section of the Catalog Publication Division. The CCC will make available the Chinese cataloging done since January 1, 1975, by the Library of Congress and by 12 of the major U.S. East Asian libraries selected by the Committee on East Asian Libraries of the Association for Asian Studies.

This cataloging, acquisitions, and reference tool is part of the response of the Library of Congress to the urgent needs of the U.S. East Asian library community. The growing interest in Chinese affairs over the past decade has resulted in increasing demands from scholars for fuller and prompter coverage of library materials in Chinese. Most pressing has been the requirement of the East Asian libraries for a means through which to share their cataloging efforts and thus avoid the costly duplication of work which has until now been inevitable.

The catalog will present LC preliminary and printed cards for materials in Chinese and Chinese catalog cards submitted by the cooperating libraries, arranged alphabetically by romanized title. The preliminary cards will function only as notification that the Library of Congress has acquired the title and that an LC printed card will eventually appear. Preliminary cards will be given only if no outside report for the title is available; if there is one, it will be published with the symbol DLC to indicate that the Library also holds the title. All LC printed cards will be published as soon as they become available.

This publication will not be a union catalog because it will not have more than one symbol of location per title, with the exception of the symbol DLC mentioned above. The inclusion of a card will be on a first-come first-served basis. If several libraries report the same title at the same time, the card that has the most nearly complete bibliographical information will be selected for publication. Only an LC printed card will be used to replace an earlier report.

Most entries will be for monographs, but series will also be included. Entries will be in the form presented by the contributing library. No cross references will be given since entry will be by title.

The CCC will be published once a month. The price will be $155 for 12 monthly issues which should be ordered through the Card Division.

Questions relating to the nomination or functions of the contributing libraries should be addressed to the Committee on East Asian Libraries, Association for Asian Studies, Inc., c/o East Asian Library, 236 Hillman, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15260. Questions or suggestions of an editorial nature should be sent to the Library of Congress, Catalog Publication Division, Washington, D.C. 20540. Subscriptions and business matters should be addressed to the Library of Congress, Card Division, Washington, D.C. 20541.

MUSIC FOR VIOLONCELLO AND PIANO FEATURED IN JANUARY 31 CONCERT

On Friday evening, January 31, the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation in the Library of Congress will sponsor a concert of instrumental chamber music for violoncello and piano. The artists will be Zara Nelsova, violoncello, and Grant Johannesen, piano.

Both artists have performed extensively throughout North and South America and Europe with major symphony orchestras in addition to giving solo recitals. Since 1963, the artists have given a number of recitals throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. In 1972, they gave the United States premiere of Sonata, Op. 22 by Robert Casadesus and have since recorded this work, which will be heard at this concert. Other works on this program will include Sonata in G minor, Op. 5, No. 2 by Ludwig van Beethoven; Sonate by Claude Debussy; and Sonata in G minor, Op. 19 by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

This concert will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. Tickets will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 27. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

This concert will be broadcast live and in its entirety by Station WETA-FM, and later made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

NEW EXHIBITS MOUNTED
Colonial Legal Education and Coaching Are Subjects of Two New Displays

An exhibit entitled "American Legal Education, 1771-1817" on legal training in this country at the period when the United States was changing from a British colony to a new nation is on display in the foyer of the Law Library, Second Floor, Main Building, through March 31.

Among the items exhibited are the first American edition of *Blackstone's Commentaries*, the text of a law lecture given by James Wilson which was attended by President Washington, the Cabinet and other dignitaries, and a program for the study of law at the University of Maryland dated 1817.

"Coaching: Four-in-Hand Driving for Pleasure" is the subject of a new showcase exhibit on display in the west foyer of the Ground Floor, Main Building, through April 30. One hundred years ago, the coaching revival was formalized by the establishment in 1875 of the Coaching Club in New York City to encourage four-in-hand driving in America. The old stage coaches and professional coachmen had been virtually displaced as a mode of cross-country transportation by the railroad. Driving for pleasure, however, had become a sport for the English aristocracy under the guiding patronage of the Duke of Beaufort, and the revival of coaching in the United States reflected the Anglomania of late 19th-century American taste.

On display are several coaching prints reflecting the popularity of the sport, illustrated memoirs of coaching, and photographs of coaching expeditions—all drawn from the Library's collections.

By the 1930's coaching as a sport was waning with the profusion of automobiles, unsuitable road surfaces, and the soaring costs of maintaining several teams of horses and a coach. There are still driving classes, however, incorporated into horse shows and hunting meets.

LEAVE POLICY CLARIFIED REGARDING COLLEGE REGISTRATION

Questions have arisen regarding the use of annual leave or the authorization of excused absence without charge to leave for registration for college courses. In order to assure that all employees are treated equitably, the following policy will be applied.

Employees who are registering for courses authorized under the Training Act shall be granted excused absence from duty for a period of not more than four hours without charge to leave, except when the college permits registration during the employee's nonwork hours. In such cases, the employee is expected to register during nonwork hours unless it is determined that registering during nonwork hours would constitute a hardship for the employee.

All other employees registering during work hours for courses not authorized under the Training Act should be charged annual leave.

NEW SUPERVISORY COURSE OFFERED

Twelve of the Library's supervisory personnel participated in a new three-day course in titled "Effective Briefing Techniques for Supervisors" on December 9-13, 1974. This course was designed to help the supervisor express his or her ideas more concisely and effectively. Because the skill of effective briefing involves more than subject knowledge, the course includes information on how to communicate, on barriers to effective communication, listening, preparation and delivery of a briefing, audience analysis, presentation practice with videotape replays, and how to prepare and use visual aids.

Supervisors at all levels who are involved in the preparation and presentation of briefings are eligible to participate in this course. The Training Office plans to conduct at least one and possibly two more sessions of this course in fiscal 1975. A special announcement will be distributed as soon as the dates and times of the course have been determined.

Other courses in this supervisor-management program are also offered. The following courses are scheduled for the month of February: Introduction to Supervision, on February 10-14 (nomination dead-

line: January 24) and Supervision and Group Performance on February 19-26 (nomination deadline: February 3). Supervisors may review the supervision-management program in the Library of Congress Catalog of Course Offerings for July 1974-June 1975 which was published last August.

Nominations should be submitted to the Training Office on Form LW 3/61, "Employee Training Nomination," through the appropriate administrative channels.

Correction: In the LC *Information Bulletin,* January 10, page 12, the LC Minority Employment statistics should be changed in three places. In the table on Analysis of Full-Time Employment, All Pay Systems, the June 7, 1974, Black Category should be changed from 38.3 percent to 38.4 percent. In the same table, the Percent Change of the Black Category should be changed from +0.1 to 0. In the table, Breakdown by Sex, the GS 12-13 Male Percent Change should be changed from +40.4 Percent Change to +0.4 Percent Change. Reprints of the statistics are available to staff members from the Equal Opportunity Office, Room G-161, or from the Information Office, Room G-107, Main Building.

STAFF NEWS

DEATH OF A FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Clara Beetle, former longtime Cataloger and Editor in the Library's Descriptive Cataloging Division, died January 3 at Tobey Hospital in Wareham, Mass. She was 83 and had resided in Mattapoisett, Mass., for the last 10 years. She retired from the Library in 1956.

Born and reared in New Bedford, Mass., Miss Beetle was a graduate of Simmons College and received a master's degree from Columbia University. She served as an assistant at the Williams College Library, as a cataloger at the Northwestern University Library, and later held positions at the New York Public Library and the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh.

At the Library of Congress, Miss Beetle served as Principal Cataloger in the Descriptive Cataloging Division and was a frequent contributor to various professional periodicals.

She edited the second edition of *A.L.A. Cataloging Rules for Author and Title Entries* (1949).

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Harriet L. Oler, an attorney on the General Counsel's staff of the Copyright Office, is the author of a two-part article entitled "Statutory Copyright Protection for Electronic Digital Computer Programs," which appeared in the July/August and September/October 1974 issues of *Law and Computer Technology.* The article reviews Copyright Office and industry practices in obtaining protection for computer programs.

Ivan Sipkov, Assistant Chief of the European Law Division, Law Library, is the author of an article entitled "Guide to the Law of the State of the People's Republic of Bulgaria," published in *Bulgarische Jahrbücher* (Munich, Germany), Vol. 2, 1974, pp. 423-469.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Mary Dahl, clerk-typist, GS-4, Place & Class, 7340; Lenora J. McVey, clerk-typist, GS-4, FRD, 7198; Clark F. Norton, analyst in American national government, GS-14, CRS GGR, 7257; Douglas F. Paynter, information resources assistant, GS-5, CRS L, 7278; Pauline H. Smale, economic analyst, GS-7, CRS E, 7238.

Temporary Appointments: Maggie S. Feen, reference assistant, GS-4, CRS Ed, NP; Sharon K. Green, secretary to the deputy director, GS-7, CRS D, NP; George C. Young, worker trainee, GS-1, Cop Serv, NP.

Promotions: Kevin J. Elmo, E&G, to library technician, GS-5, Sci, 7348; Naara A. Fields, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; Gerald P. Hamilton, CRS C, to social science analyst, GS-7, CRS GGR, 7362; Shirley A. Harris, to copyright technician, GS-6, Cop Exam, 7281; Loran M. Kaufman, to research assistant, GS-6, FRD, NP; Joyce A. Lightfoot, to secretary to the assistant chief for bibliographic services, GT-6, Photodup, 7360; LaVerne P. Mullin, to assistant head processing section, GS-11, LLO, NP; Theron C. Potter, Cop Exam to compliance specialist, GS-7, Cop Ref, 7284.

Transfers: Barbara J. Berry, CS to personnel staffing & classification specialist, GS-5, Place & Class, 7261; Linda C. Bryant, Cop Cat, to search reports assistant, GS-5, Cop Ref, 7067; Gary Dwyer, S&R, to clerk, GS-3, CRS C, 7373; James M. George, Cop Serv, to copyright compliance specialist, GS-5, Cop Ref, NP.

Resignations: Susan M. Harding, CRS D; Juanita A. Harris, CRS GGR; Gail Q. James, CRS EP; Mary J. McGill, Loan; Barbara Maxwell, Desc Cat; Stephen E. Rantz, CRS D; Naomi J. Rosner, Orien.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert are the parents of a son, George Carlton, Jr., born on October 10, 1974, at Prince Georges County Hospital. Mr. Gilbert is a MARC Verifier in the MARC Editorial Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Rowe are the parents of a daughter, Anitra Karmin, born on November 9, 1974, at the Greater Southeast Community Hospital. Mrs. Rowe is a MARC Verifier in the MARC Editorial Division and Mr. Rowe is employed by the Defense Mapping Agency.

The **WRA Cooking Club** will hold its first meeting of the year on January 23 at 12 noon in Room 324C of the Main Building. All staff members wishing to join the Club are invited.

The Cooking Club became 25 years old in 1974 and the club marked the occasion with a gala affair last June in the Whittall Pavilion. Various club-sponsored programs concerned with cooking were held throughout the year, culminating with a Christmas luncheon presided over by Arnold Bellefontaine of the Congressional Research Service.

Officers of the club during its 25th year were: Shirley Loo, Congressional Research Service, president; Grace Hall, Processing, vice president/president-elect; Sally Layton, Processing, corresponding secretary; Kim Moden, Descriptive Cataloging, recording secretary; and Jacqueline Granville, Preservation, treasurer.

Newly elected officers for 1975 are: Grace Hall, Processing, president; Joan Van Blake, Processing, vice president; Sharon Noble, Descriptive Cataloging, corresponding secretary; Marilyn Hamilton, Subject Cataloging, recording secretary; and Arthur Lieb, Subject Cataloging, treasurer.

The **LC Professional Association** is sponsoring an appearance of the Chamber Singers from Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., who will perform a lunchtime concert in the Coolidge Auditorium on Thursday, January 30, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The ensemble of 20 singers is directed by Harry Langsford. The program will include two motets by Monteverdi, and works by William Billings, James Ming, Earl George, and Emma Lou Diemer—all living American composers. The Chamber Singers have toured Europe, Canada, and the Midwest and were awarded third prize for mixed choirs at the International Musical Edisteddfod in Llangollen, North Wales, during 1971 in competition with 17 choirs from eight different countries.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: India. ISSN 0041-7734. Vol. 13, No. 8. August 1974. (pp. 343-405). Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Accessions List: Middle East. ISSN 0041-7769. Vol. 12, No. 7, pt. 2. July 1974. Annual List of Serials. (pp. iv-lvi.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.

New Serial Titles—Class Subject Arrangement. ISSN 0028-6699. December 1974. (50 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials and published monthly by the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, for $25 a year.

Specifications for 16mm Microfilming of Library Card Catalogs. ISBN 0-8444-0138-2. Prepared by the Photoduplication Service. 1974. (vi, 10 p.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 at 65 cents a copy (LC 1.6/4:M58/3). GPO Stock Number 3000-00073. LC card 74-16227.

These specifications for microfilming library card catalogs have been compiled at the request of the ALA Interlibrary Loan Committee and have been prepared as a joint enterprise of that committee and the ALA RTSD Reproduction of Library Materials Section. This document is intended as a guide for librarians and should be amended, altered, or otherwise scaled to meet the particular needs of a library. Two separate sets of specifications are included: one for preparing film on a planetary type camera and the other for a rotary type camera.

The ALA Interlibrary Loan Committee consists of Mary Kay Daniels, Charles G. LaHood, Jr., Legare H. Obear, and Robert C. Sullivan, all of the Library of Congress, David C. Palmer of the New Jersey State Library, and Sarah Katharine Thomson of the Bergen Community College. Thomas Bagg of the U.S. National Bureau of Standards provided the basic document from which this specification was developed.

Cooperative Publication Projects: *The National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints. A Cumulative Author List Representing Library of Congress Printed Cards and Titles Reported by Other American Libraries.* Vols. 355-359. Magalhaes, Alicides Lages de—Mantle & Dress. Compiled and edited with the cooperation of the Library of Congress and the National Union Catalog Subcommittee of the Resources Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association. For

sale by Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd., 3 Bloomsbury Place, London WC1A 2QA, England, for $28.50 if paid in advance. Particulars are available from the publisher.

New Microfilm Publications: The LC Photoduplication Service has resumed filming two U.A.R. gazettes, *al-Waqa'i' al-Misrayah* (Egyptian Bulletin dealing with ministerial decrees) and *al-Jaridah al-Rasmiyah* (Official Gazette dealing with ministerial decrees and presidential decrees). The Egyptian Bulletin is available for March-April, June-September, December 1941, in 5 reels, at $55; 1961-1966, in 28 reels, at $600; 1967-1972 issues to be filmed at a later date; 1973, in 2 reels, at $92; and 1974 onward, at an estimated $100 a year. The Official Gazette is available for March 1958-1971, in 20 reels, at $301; 1972 issues to be filmed at a later date; and 1973 onward, at an estimated $16 a year.

These publications are available on 35mm positive microfilm for the prices cited which include postage and handling for North American addresses. For shipment to areas other than North America, add 50 cents per reel for additional postage. Standing orders are accepted for these titles. Orders should be addressed to Library of Congress, Photoduplication Service, Department C-23, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Library of Congress Regulations: No. 321-1 (January 9) referred to materials requested on approval; No. 215-4 (January 10) described the Reference Division, Copyright Office; No. 215-5 (January 10) concerned the Service Division, Copyright Office.

Special Announcements: No. 667 (December 26) announced the retirement of Roy P. Basler and the appointment of John C. Broderick as Chief of the Manuscript Division; No. 668 (December 31) announced the retirement of Librarian of Congress L. Quincy Mumford and designated John G. Lorenz as Acting Librarian; No. 669 (January 9) announced plans for a cancer education program, including a film showing on breast cancer.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

Illustrative Computer Programming for Libraries by Charles H. Davis (Westport, Conn., Greenwood Press, 1974. 112 p.) is the 12th publication in the series on Contributions in Librarianship and Information Science. This book gives a very good introduction to PL/1 programming and its application to the computational needs of libraries. It will be of benefit to beginning PL/1 programmers because of the straightforward descriptions of basic PL/1 statements, job control language, and the coded programs. Librarians seeking an insight into the programming process should gain a better understanding of the basic steps necessary to perform by automated means the library procedures which have been done manually for so long.

When cataloged, a copy of *Illustrative Computer Programming* will be added to the Library's general collections. [*Pamela Andre*]

Computers in the 1980's by Rein Turn (New York, Columbia University Press, 1974. 257 p. TK788.3.T87) is a technological forecast of developments in computers and related equipment in the next 15 to 20 years, using the mid-1971 state of the art as a base line. The focus of the coverage is on computer hardware characteristics: processing speed, memory capacity and access time, and capabilities of input-output terminals. Special attention is given to command-control computers that may have to operate in adverse environments as elements of ground based or aerospace systems.

The author, a senior systems analyst for the Rand Corp., has divided the book into four parts of two or more chapters each. Part 1 is a brief tutorial on forecasting techniques, including validity assessment and possible errors and pitfalls. Part 2 gives actual performance forecasts of general-application and command-control computers. In Part 3, the supporting analyses are given, emphasizing future developments in electronic components for computer logic circuits and memory arrays. Finally, Part 4 discusses the innovations in future computer systems and their applications that will become possible through the improvements in computer hardware performance. The last chapter in Part 4, entitled "Do-It-Yourself Forecasting," provides a framework for updating the forecasts as presented, whenever new information on technological developments becomes available. Through this means, the author hopes that the book "will not lose its value with time, but will remain as a framework for continuous updating of the projections." The text is supplemented by 28 figures and 57 tables. References are included at the end of each chapter. An extensive index is provided. A copy of the work is available for consultation in the Science Reading Room reference collection.

[*Uno Teemant*]

South Africa 1974; Official Yearbook of the Republic of South Africa has been issued by the South African Department of Information in Pretoria. It is the first official comprehensive guide to the country and to South-West Africa (Namibia),

administered by South Africa, since 1960. Each of the 55 chapters covers a single topic, such as ethnic groups, languages, political system, "homelands," passport control and citizenship, legal system, national security, education, and various aspects of economic and cultural affairs. As addenda, there are sections on South-West Africa, the 1974 elections and bibliographical references. An announcement in the Preface states that two editions will be published annually in the future: an international edition in English and a national edition alternately in English and Afrikaans. Copies are for sale from the Department of Information, Private Bag X152, Pretoria, South Africa, at Rand 22 (approximately $32.15). A copy is available for consultation in the African Section, General Reference and Bibliography Division.

[Julian W. Witherell]

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

COMING EVENTS

The **DCLA Reference Roundtable** will present a program on library signage on Wednesday, January 29. Signage is the term used by graphics designers to denote the planning and use of informational signs and other visual devices to convey messages. Speakers will be Lawrence Molumby of the D.C. Public Library, David Pesanelli, a Washington, D.C., area graphics designer and consultant, and David Sutton of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Exhibits Office. The program will be held in the Whittall Pavillion at the Library of Congress from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The **Associated Colleges of the Midwest** will sponsor a conference on Space, Growth, and Performance Problems of Academic Libraries to be held in Chicago on April 17-18. The program is designed to help college and university deans, fiscal officers, and librarians find practical solutions to the economic and academic problems caused by the unexamined and unproductive growth of library collections. Program Chairman is Daniel Gore, Director of the Macalester College Library. For additional information write to ACM, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago, Ill. 60610, telephone (312) 664-9580.

The **National Gallery of Art's Rosenwald Collection** of medieval and Renaissance illuminated manuscripts will be on view from January 26 through June 1, 1975, at the Gallery. Accompanying the exhibition is a scholarly catalog, the fourth in a series devoted to the graphic arts collection given to the Nation by Lessing J. Rosenwald, former National Gallery Trustee and rare book collector. The opening also marks the 63rd annual **College Art Association** Conference, which will be held in Washington, D.C., from January 22 through 25.

A national conference on radio reading services for blind and physically handicapped individuals will be held in Oklahoma City, from March 10 through 13 by the **American Foundation for the Blind.** These services, in which newspapers, magazines, and books are read to a blind and/or physically handicapped audience, either on closed or open circuit radio, are being established in a growing number of communities under various auspices, including libraries. The forthcoming conference is designed to answer questions about radio reading services, and is open to any individual or agency already operating such a service or interested in starting one. Information and registration forms are available from William F. Gallagher, Director, Program Planning Department, American Foundation for the Blind, 15 W. 16th St., New York, N.Y. 10011.

The International Archival Affairs Committee of the **Society of American Archivists** will sponsor its Third Archives Study Tour: Archives in Central and Northern Europe, during August 5-22, 1975. The program will feature visits to public and private archival agencies, manuscript repositories, and libraries in Copenhagen, Stockholm, Leningrad, Prague, Vienna, and Paris. Further information is available from Frank B. Evans, Chairman, SAA International Archival Affairs Committee, Room 7016-Regional Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20407.

Correction: In reporting on the First Plenary Session of IFLA's General Council Meeting (LC *Information Bulletin* for December 20, p. A-265), the editor spoke of Frederick H. Burkhardt as the "outgoing" Chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Mr. Burkhardt, of course, is continuing as NCLIS Chairman. The individual identified in the photograph on page A-275 as Otto Simmler is instead Michael Strickler, the Austrian Parliamentary Librarian. The editor regrets the errors.

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